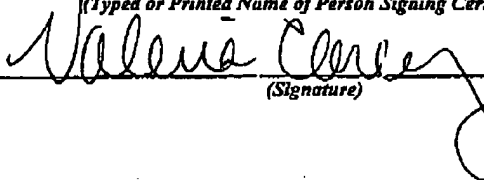



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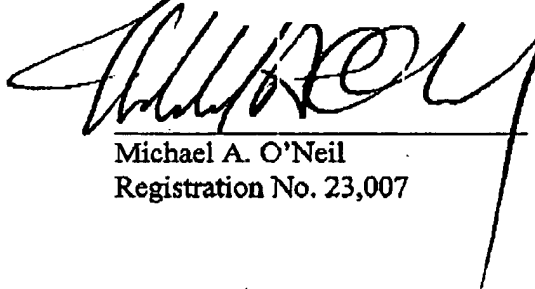
Responsive to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2004, in the above-captioned application, applicant hereby elects claim 2 for prosecution in the present application.

Claim 1 is hereby withdrawn from prosecution in the present application. Claim 1 will be re-filed in a divisional application to be filed during the pendency of the present application.

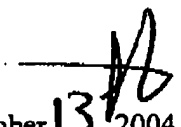
Should the Examiner have any further questions, the courtesy of a telephone interview is requested. The Examiner may contact the undersigned attorney for applicant at 214-739-0088.

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